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Sarah Bracher to W S Hall, 1 October 1879

Victoria Street

Footscray

Octr 1st 1879

My dear Brother

Your welcome letter came to hand & also the returned P O for £2.

Many thanks for the same tho' I must confess I was very disappointed that you did not buy the children some thing with it as a small remembrance of Aunt S who would very much like to see all the little dears. I would send them a nice book each if I had time to go into Melbourne but I am full of household duties far too much under the circumstances. Kate, our son's wife, has a very bad toe through the nail growing in & the Baby is only 3 months old born on 28th June Coronation day & tho' better tempered than most of her age makes quite a change in our quiet little family, her name is Fanny Victoria as bright & healthy as she can be which is a blessing.

I am writing under difficulties so excuse all defects. Our boy's too early marriage grieved me very much & upset all his & my future plans, we certainly would not have left Sandhurst when we did if we had foreseen how he would act, we are all living together for the present no doubt all parties are very comfortable but myself, we have nothing coming in & our few £'s are going out & I am kept always busy since I came from Echuca. I sadly want to be doing better, you little know what a life of sore trials mine has been & in many aspects through Geo's want of common prudence.

I was hoping to hear all particulars about dear Hy by last mail but as they were all silent I am uncertain whether he is living or not. We are all deeply grieved about his severe sufferings he wrote me a little before he left Mandurah & told me that the Dr found two ribs were broken he was quite surprised at that & seemed not to know when it happened I believe he was injured in that way in the Quarry claim on Iron bark that you & he were in, when about 20 Tons of slate slipped

& pinned Henry & the man in the shaft & it seemed a miracle that they were not killed on the spot. He did not seem well for months after it. I must write more fully next time. The *Otway* is to continue running to W A till Xmas & the wife of the Engineer is living near us, he will take charge of a parcel for us so if there is anything I could send by him let me know as the P O charges too much. In the event of

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